

FALL COUNCIL DELEGATES TO FOCUS ON CONFERENCE BUSINESS AT THE DALLIES

About 130 members of the 55 churches that comprise the Central Pacific Conference will gather at The Dalles First Congregational UCC October 15 and 16 for Fall Council.

Registrants will meet for dinner at 6:00 pm Friday following orientation for new delegates and a Women's Advisory meeting. The session will adjourn by 3:00 pm Saturday.

The Rev. Norman Broadbent of Ashland UCC has been approved by the Program and Arrangements Committee to be Chaplain for the event, states Peggy Clark, Vice-Moderator of the Conference.

On the agenda for the two days are a number of business items: distribution of the working draft of the By-Laws revision, the 1983 Conference Budget, and group insurance program.

The council will also offer opportunity for celebrations and reports: Women of the World Program with Senora Ysel Perez, our visitor from Cuba; New Initiatives in Church Development; Western Regional Youth Event, Church Growth Project, and Department reports.

Delegates to Fall Council are elected annually by local congregations which also elect representatives to Spring Assembly. Further information on the Fall Council agenda and arrangements is available from the Conference Office.



NEW INITIATIVES IN CHURCH DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Portland First Cong'l., The Dalles First Cong'l., and the Community Church of Cedar Hills have launched their NICD campaigns to secure pledges for their goals toward the approved Conference goal of \$200,000 and the national goal of \$8 million.

Over 30% of the Conference goal has been pledged by 8 churches with the rest of the pledges expected this Fall, reports the Rev. Lincoln Reed, Chairman NICD Com.

At training sessions in late August, resources were given to representatives from seventeen churches, says Ginny Cooper, Coordinator. Most of these churches will hold 4-6 week campaigns for Phase II in the Spring of 1983 with some tied to celebrations such as Parkrose UCC's 70th Anniversary in June.

Resources include items from the Stewardship Council and some generated within the Central Pacific Conference. All are free to local congregations including the following in quantity: brochures, "What If?" booklets, pledge cards and envelopes, plus posters, offset and stencil logos, and a sample plan for campaigns, and NICD News subscription for representatives.

Since General Synod XII authorized NICD in 1979, 45 new church starts and 22 renewals have been funded nationally. The money spent is only for pastoral support and program costs. The Rev. Ted Edquist will soon submit a report on opportunities for new church starts within this Conference, but no money will be expended unless it is in hand.

Opportunities for leadership gifts, for member gifts in churches where no campaign is planned, and deferred gifts will be available. For further information or resources to order, contact Ms. Cooper, 3325 East Main St., Hillsboro, Or. 97123. Telephone 503/648-4861.

THE REV. DAVID M. STOWE
LECTURES OCT. 30

The Rev. David M. Stowe, Executive Vice President of The United Church Board for World Ministries, and former missionary, will speak at First Congregational Church, Portland, October 30 for the 5th annual Helen Oliver Memorial Lectures. The two lectures are free and open to the public, but reservations are required.



The first lecture is at 5:00 p.m., the second one at 8:00 pm, with a 6:30 pm banquet. Dinner will be \$5 per ticket. Call 228-7219 for reservations. Child care will be provided, and free parking will be available at the church's parking lot on the corner of S.W. Park and Main.

EMO CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 13
TO STUDY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

"Resources for Democracy" is the theme for a November 13 conference at Willamette University in Salem sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Theme speaker will be the Honorable Herbert Schwab, former Chief Judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals. Three panels will focus on Human Resources for Democracy, Economic Resources for Democracy, and Religious/Civil Liberties as Resources for Democracy.

Cost for the 9:00 am to 4:00 pm day is \$5. Registrations need to be received by November 1 and should be mailed to Coaction Legislative Conference, EMO, 0245 S.W. Bancroft, Portland, Or. 97201.

RENEW CARRIES FORWARD
STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

The United Church of Christ Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society voted in July to continue membership in and support of The Religious Network for Equality for Women (RENEW), a coalition effort by Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic organizations.

For further information or to order RENEW's Citizen Action Kit (\$4.50 prepaid), write to: RENEW National Office, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 830-A, New York, N.Y. 10115.

A.D. MAGAZINE CELEBRATES
A DECADE OF WITNESSING

The continuing story of our church and the Christian faith is published monthly in A.D. Magazine. The October issue is the annual FACTS issue, and additional copies are available for \$1, half the usual price, when 10 or more copies are ordered. This makes a fine stewardship resource for congregations.

Subscriptions to A.D. are \$8.97 a year, but only \$4.80 through congregation-wide plans. All orders should be addressed to A.D. Magazines, 1840 Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10115.

A.F.S.C. SCHEDULES OFF BROADWAY PLAY

"Hibakusha: Stories from Hiroshima" will be performed October 23-24 at First Congregational UCC, Portland, at 8:00 p.m.

Modern Times Theater, an off Broadway group, will present the love story which centers on several survivors of the atom bomb. The American Friends Service Committee and Physicians for a Safer World are sponsoring the play. Call 230-0346 for further information.

SINGLES RETREAT OCT. 29-31

Registration forms are available at the Conference Office for a Singles Retreat at Chapel on the Sea, Lincoln City, Oct. 29-31. The retreat begins with dinner Friday and ends early Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$20 for meals and lodging.

Members of the Singles Task Force indicate kids are welcome, and sleeping bags and musical instruments a must. Bob Nettleton of Salem First, and Pat Bonney of Portland First can be contacted for further information.

HANDICAPPED RESOURCE PACKET
AVAILABLE FROM UCBHM

A comprehensive resource is available from the UC Board for Homeland Ministries to aid congregations to highlight the place of persons with disabilities in the life and mission of the local church. In addition, Dr. Harold Wilke, Executive Director of Healing Community, has written "Creating the Caring Congregation". The packet is \$12 with his book, \$8 without. Order from the Rev. Virginia Kreyer, Div. of Health and Welfare, UCBHM, 132 W. 31st Street, New York, N.Y. 10001.

► DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 1 "COMMUNICATIONS & CLERGY", Forest Grove
 2 EYCOM WORKSHOP, Hillsdale
 3 NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING
 5 WOMEN'S CLUSTER MEETING, Ashland
 10 ACCESS SUNDAY
 10-16 HANDICAPPED AWARENESS WEEK
 12 WOMEN'S CLUSTER MEETING, Ione
 15-16 CPC FALL COUNCIL, The Dalles
 16 WORLD FOOD DAY
 19 WOMEN'S CLUSTER MEETING, Smyrna
 20 WOMEN'S CLUSTER MEETING, Knight Mem.
 23-24 "HIBAKUSHA" Play, Portland First
 29-31 SINGLES RETREAT, Lincoln City
 30 DAVID STOWE LECTURES, Portland First
 Feb. 18-20 MIDWINTER YOUTH EVENT, Camp Adams
 May 13-15 CPC SPRING ASSEMBLY, Corvallis

FIVE FROM CONFERENCE ATTEND REGIONAL MEETING ON HUNGER, PEACE

Five members of local congregations in the CPC attended a regional conference on Peace and Hunger sponsored by the Office for Church in Society of the Board for World Ministries in September in Berkeley, California.

Attending the peace section were Carol Boos, Portland First, Ted Liljeholm, Waverly Heights, and the Rev. Jim Nolan, Boise Wright. Hunger information was gathered by Jean Owens, Portland First, and Ilo Schmidt, New Plymouth.

THE BRIDGE MINISTRY SERVES COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Rev. Virginia Siewert directs "The Bridge Ministry" for the Oregon Interchurch Ministry with Community Colleges and is currently involved with launching a peacemaking program with the ten campuses.

She is available to arrange tours for church groups of local campuses or arrange for speakers from local community colleges. She may be contacted at 1512 S.W. 13th Circle, Troutdale, Or. 97060. Her phone number is 667-1262.

ORDINATIONS UPCOMING

Four candidates for ordination will be meeting with the Church and Ministry Department of the CPC in late September: Gregory Garland, Mary Olney, Patricia Ross, and Garland Walker. Ordination dates will be scheduled following recommendations by Church and Ministry.

► THE LOCAL SCENE

Deborah Bartlett, intern at Boise First UCC, arrived just in time to take over for the Rev. Ted Edquist, hospitalized for a second time to complete his recovery from July surgery.

Hillsdale UCC in Portland is getting involved in a food-buying club, testing the waters of human cooperation in yet another way. Contact Pastor Rick Skidmore for details.

Volunteers from St. Andrew's UCC and Portland, Second UCC are setting up a day care center under the guidance of Diana Cleland. They will serve children from 6 weeks to early teens. Garland Walker began his duties with Portland Second concurrent with the center's opening.

Medford UCC also welcomes a new intern pastor, Marvin Schmid from PSR, who arrived in late August with her daughter Mena.

21 of our 55 churches ranked in the top 1,000 UCC congregations nationally in per capita OCWM Basic Support in 1981. Our good record is worth remembering in stewardship drives this Fall.

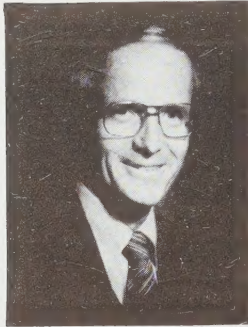
Parkrose UCC in Portland has added "Peacemaker News" to its newsletter to aid the advance of the priority of peace in their church.

Penny Phillips of Beavercreek UCC is serving as a speech therapist missionary in Taiwan at Changhua Hospital.

Congratulations to K.I.D.S. at First Church, Eugene. K.I.D.S. (Kids Independently Declare Shalom) is the publication of the church school at First Church. Congratulations are in order for their having been chosen as the cover story of the Fall, 1982, SHARE, a magazine published quarterly for teacher and leaders. The Rev. Polly Moak, Minister of Education, met and talked with SHARE Editor Norma Koenig who was so enthusiastic about K.I.D.S. that she asked Polly to write up the program. Persons who are interested in the project can read the article or talk with Polly.

Portland has the unique distinction of having a father and daughter among its UCC ministers. Clare Olney has served as pastor at Trinity Church since 1980, and Mary began service as Associate Minister at First Church on Aug. 1 '82.

The Last Word



By the time that this is in the hands of our readers, a new building will be in use at Camp Adams. It replaces Pioneer Cabin, first of the camp buildings, which fell victim to carpenter ants, and was taken down last winter. The new structure is a manufactured home. It will include four bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen-dining area, and a large meeting room.

The Camp Adams Committee has chosen to name it the "Opsund Cabin". We're confident it will be a useful, durable addition to Camp Adams.

Purchase of the building was possible because of funds already on hand. In 1977, the Central Pacific Conference and Parkrose Community UCC shared in a generous bequest. Beulah Opsund, a member of Parkrose Church, willed funds to both institutions. Money given to the Conference was specified for "construction and improvements at Camp Adams". Parkrose Church was able to cover a major portion of the expense of its new elevator because of the Opsund bequest.

The Conference used Opsund Fund interest for some camp property acquisitions, and the corpus of the gift was in the right place at the right time when the need to replace Pioneer pressed itself upon us.

The gifts that we bestow at the time of our death are almost always the largest gifts we will ever make. Our "Last Will and Testament" is precisely that: a statement about what was of highest value to us.

Our Conference and Parkrose Church were -- and continue to be -- blessed by the generosity and the values of Beulah Opsund. All institutions of the church -- congregations, camps, conferences, colleges, seminaries, national boards, ecumenical organizations -- need such donations and can put them to excellent use.

The money from the Opsund Bequest has now been expended. Will there be another will? Will help be forthcoming that provides the wherewithal to respond to the needs of the future?

Think about your will. Have you made one? To what does it testify? It may turn out to be the chance -- and the choice -- of a lifetime.

SEVETSON TESTIFIES AT CABLE HEARING

A copy of the testimony Conference Minister Don Sevetsen gave August 9 at an open meeting regarding cable television regulation has gone to every minister in the Conference. The issue at stake is Senate Bill 2172 which recently passed the Commerce Committee (Senator Packwood, chair) and which would take most regulatory powers away from localities and give them to the FCC.

Dr. Everett Parker, Director of the Office of Communications, UCC, is a well-versed watchdog on this subject.

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